

FARMERS WILL GET SEEDS STILL

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—That the practice of governmental distribution of free seeds through senators and members of Congress will not be discontinued at present, is practically assured. It is claimed that a poll of the House of Representatives shows that about two-thirds of that body will vote to insert in the agricultural appropriation bill an item providing \$240,000 for the cost of distributing seeds among the farmers.

The tactics which will be pursued by the opponents of the appropriation were learned to-day. The Committee on Agriculture refused to insert in the bill a provision for continuing seed distribution. When the bill comes up in Committee of the Whole, it will probably do so to-morrow, a motion will be made to amend it by inserting the item of free seeds. The committee will rule this amendment out of order on the ground that it is new legislation, it being claimed that the present system of distributing seeds through members of Congress and senators is without warrant in law. It is the intention of the advocates of the free seed proposition to have the amendment taken up, and have the House vote to overrule the preceding officer. It is claimed that considerably over one-half of the House will vote to continue free seeds.

Stand By Farmers.

It is said that every Democrat in the House will vote to continue the present system. Every member of the Virginia delegation will vote against cutting out the free seed item.

"The agricultural classes get precious little from this government, save the privilege of contributing to its support," said Representative Hay to-day. "Appropriations have been made for all sorts of things, but there is no Northern industry that has not the benefit of a tariff which compels the consumer of its products, which almost always includes the farmer first or last, to pay more for them than the foreigner has to pay. Let a bill be offered which affects in the slightest degree any manufacturing interest, North or South, and a howl will be set up at once by the friends of that special industry. There is a lot of demagoguery in howling for any class, whether it be manufacturing or agricultural. I am not making any stump speeches about the poor farmer, but I shall vote to continue to give him the few seeds it has been the custom to allow him for so long that the custom has become institutional in character."

Election of Hobson.

Democrats of the House, and of the Senate, too, for that matter, were deeply interested in the news to-day that Representative John Bankhead had been defeated for re-nomination to Congress from the Sixth Congressional District, by Captain Richard Pearson Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac. Captain Hobson made his canvass on the issue of a greater pay, and appears to have won. He tried to get the nomination two years ago, but Representative Bankhead was so much more popular than any man on the Democratic side. At the conclusion of his present term on the 4th of next March, he will have completed eighteen years of service in the lower House. Representative Samuel M. Harrison, of the Sixth Louisiana District, entered Congress in the same year that Mr. Bankhead first took his seat, being chosen to fill the unexpired term of his father, E. W. Robertson, but Mr. Bankhead had been in Congress several months when Representative Robertson arrived in Washington. Mr. Bankhead has a place on the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and is also a member of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, two of the sought-after committee places. It is possible that some member of the Naval Committee will be transferred to one of Mr. Bankhead's committees to make room for Mr. Hobson on the Committee on Naval Affairs. The career of the former naval officer in Congress will be watched with deep interest. He is a fine speaker, and a man of most captivating manners.

Hay An Investigator.

Representative Hay has been appointed one of the committee designated by the speaker to investigate the affairs of the St. Elizabeth government asylum for the insane in this city, and the Virginia representative is not at all pleased with the assignment. In addition to the labor being very irksome, it will also prove of disagreeable character. The Medical Society of the District of Columbia has preferred very grave charges against the management of the asylum.

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